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Invention Title: COMMUNICATION ASSEMBLY

The invention is described in the following statement:-

"COMMUNICATION ASSEMBLY"

Technical Field

5 This invention relates to a communication assembly. The invention has particular but not exclusive application to a communication assembly which is suitable for use as a gift or greeting and which enables a phone call to be made to a selected telephone number.

10 Background of Invention

It is known for greeting cards to include a phone number which, when phoned by the person receiving the greeting card, plays a message pre-recorded by the person sending the greeting card.

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Summary of Invention

The present invention aims to provide an alternative to known communication assemblies.

20 This invention in one aspect resides broadly in a communication assembly including:-

a telephone assembly having means to receive and transmit a message to another telephone, and

25 programming means for programming the telephone assembly to transmit a message only to one other or a plurality of designated other telephones.

It is preferred that the communication assembly includes housing means housing the telephone assembly, the housing means having theme identification means for identifying a theme associated with the other telephone(s).

30 It is further preferred that the theme identification means is the shape, pattern, ornamentation or configuration of the housing means.

35 In one preferred embodiment the telephone assembly includes:-

connection actuating means for actuating telephone connection to the other telephone(s), and

disconnection means for disconnecting telephone

connection with the other telephone(s).

It is preferred that the telephone assembly cannot receive incoming telephone calls.

5 In one preferred embodiment the housing means is heart-shaped and the theme is love, ie St. Valentine's day. In this embodiment the programming means is preferably a key pad or the like programmable to transmit a message to only the telephone having the number first indexed on the key pad.

10 Alternatively the housing means may be star-shaped and the theme is astrology. In this embodiment the programming means have been pre-programmed to connect with one or a plurality of designated telephones numbers providing astrology services.

15 In another embodiment the housing means has a sexual shape and the theme is a sexual theme. In this embodiment the programming means have been pre-programmed to connect with one or a plurality of designated telephones numbers providing sexually related services.

20 It is preferred that the programming means is a key pad or the like programmable for transmission of a message to the one or plurality of designated telephones numbers providing the astrology or sexually related services.

25 In another aspect this invention resides broadly in a method of providing a phone-based service including:-

30 programming a telephone assembly having means to receive and transmit a message to another telephone, to transmit a message only to one or a plurality of designated other telephones from which the phone-based services are available, and

providing a programmed telephone assembly to a prospective user of the phone-based services.

35 It is preferred that the telephone assembly is housed in housing means having theme identification means for identifying a theme associated with the phone-based services.

Description of Drawings

In order that this invention may be more easily understood and put into practical effect, reference will now be made to the accompanying drawings which illustrate a preferred embodiment of the invention, wherein:-

5 FIG 1 is a schematic block diagram of the communication assembly of the present invention;

FIGS 2A and 2B are front and rear plan views of a first embodiment of the invention having a St Valentine's 10 day theme, and

FIGS 3A and 3B are front and rear plan views of a second embodiment of the invention having an astrology theme.

15 Description of Preferred Embodiment of Invention

As can be seen in FIG 1, communication assembly 10 includes a telephone assembly having means 11 to receive and transmit a message to another telephone, and programming means 16,17 for programming the telephone assembly to transmit a message only to one other or a plurality of designated other telephones.

As seen in FIGS 2A, 2B, 3A and 3B, communication assembly 10 includes housing means housing the telephone assembly. The housing has theme identification means for identifying a theme associated with the other telephone(s). The theme identification means is the shape, pattern, ornamentation or configuration of the housing means.

FIGS 2A and 2B illustrate a love heart tele-greeting 30 phone assembly 21. Housing 18 is heart-shaped and the theme is love, for example St Valentine's day. In this embodiment the programming means is a key pad 17 recessed beneath a hinged cover 18. Key pad 17 is programmable to transmit a message to only the telephone having the 35 number first indexed on the key pad. When programming is complete, operation of key 19 (or a combination of the hash/star keys on a standard telephone digital dial pad) will store the number in non-erasable non-writeable memory.

Alternatively, FIGS 3A and 3B illustrate an astrology tele-greeting phone assembly 22. Housing 19 star-shaped and the theme is astrology. In this embodiment the programming means have been pre-programmed 5 to connect with one or a plurality of designated telephones numbers providing astrology services. In this embodiment the programming means is a key pad 17 recessed beneath a hinged cover 18. Key pad 17 is programmable to transmit a message to one or to a number of designated 10 telephones numbers providing the astrology services. When programming is complete operation of key 19 (or a combination of the hash/star keys on a standard telephone digital dial pad) will store the numbers in non-erasable non-writeable memory.

15 Other themes are possible in accordance with the invention. Thus, in an embodiment not illustrated, the housing means has a sexual shape and the theme is a sexual theme. In this embodiment the programming means have been pre-programmed to connect with one or a 20 plurality of designated telephones numbers providing sexually related services.

As seen in the drawings, telephone assembly 10 includes connection actuating means 12 for actuating telephone connection to the other telephone(s), and 25 disconnection means 13 for disconnecting telephone connection with the other telephone(s). Telephone assembly 10 also includes a microphone 14, earpiece 15 and phone cord and jack 20.

The telephone assembly can be designed so as not to 30 be capable of receiving incoming telephone calls.

In use, the love/heart telegreeting phone assembly 21 is purchased as a gift. The purchaser programs his/her own telephone number into the novelty phone by means of key pad 17, operates button 19 to store the 35 phone number (and only that number) non-erasably in memory, and gives the novelty greeting phone to another person. The gift thus constitutes a personal greeting enabling the receiver to make phone calls directly to the

giver simply by operating connect button 13.

Alternatively in use, the astrology tele-greeting phone assembly 22 (or a sex tele-greeting phone assembly not shown) is purchased as a gift. The gift can be 5 purchased from a store or manufacturer who also provides or is associated with organisations or individuals who provide phone based astrology (or sex-related) services. The phone numbers of such phone-based services are non-erasable preprogrammed into programming means 16. The 10 purchaser can give the novelty greeting phone to a another person. The gift thus constitutes a personal greeting enabling the receiver to make phone calls directly to preselected phone-based services simply by selecting the chosen service phone number and operating 15 connect button 13.

It will of course be realised that whilst the above has been given by way of an illustrative example of this invention, all such and other modifications and variations hereto, as would be apparent to persons 20 skilled in the art, are deemed to fall within the broad scope and ambit of this invention as is herein set forth.

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The Claims defining the Invention are as follows:-

1. A communication assembly including:-
a telephone assembly having means to receive and
transmit a message to another telephone, and
5 programming means for programming said telephone
assembly to transmit a message only to one other or a
plurality of designated other telephones.
- 10 2. A communication assembly as claimed in claim 1, and
including housing means housing said telephone assembly,
said housing means having theme identification means for
identifying a theme associated with said other
telephone(s).
- 15 3. A communication assembly as claimed in claim 1,
wherein said theme identification means is the shape,
pattern, ornamentation or configuration of said housing
means.
- 20 4. A communication assembly as claimed in claim 1,
wherein said telephone assembly includes:-
connection actuating means for actuating telephone
connection to said other telephone(s), and
25 disconnection means for disconnecting telephone
connection with said other telephone(s).

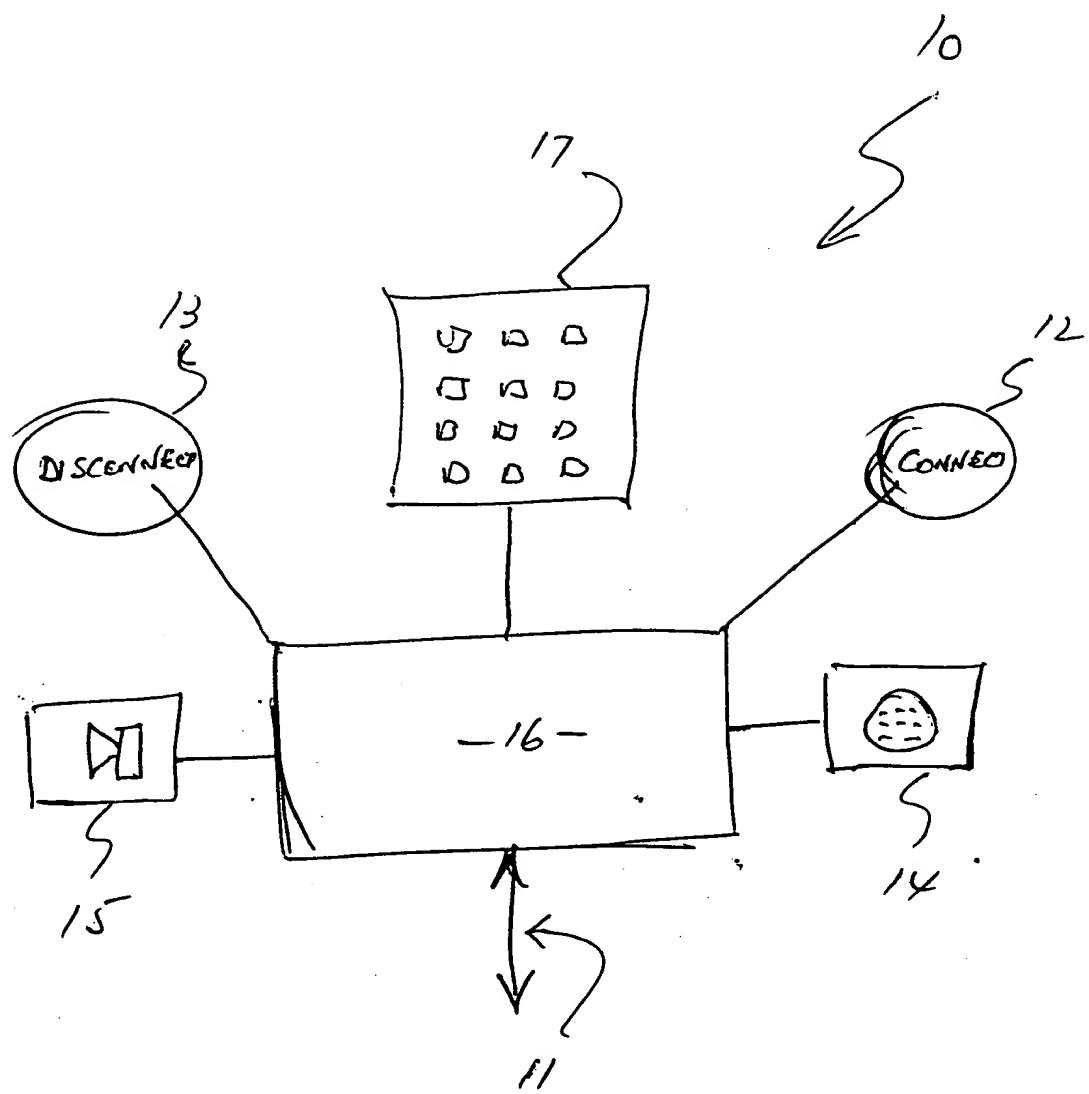
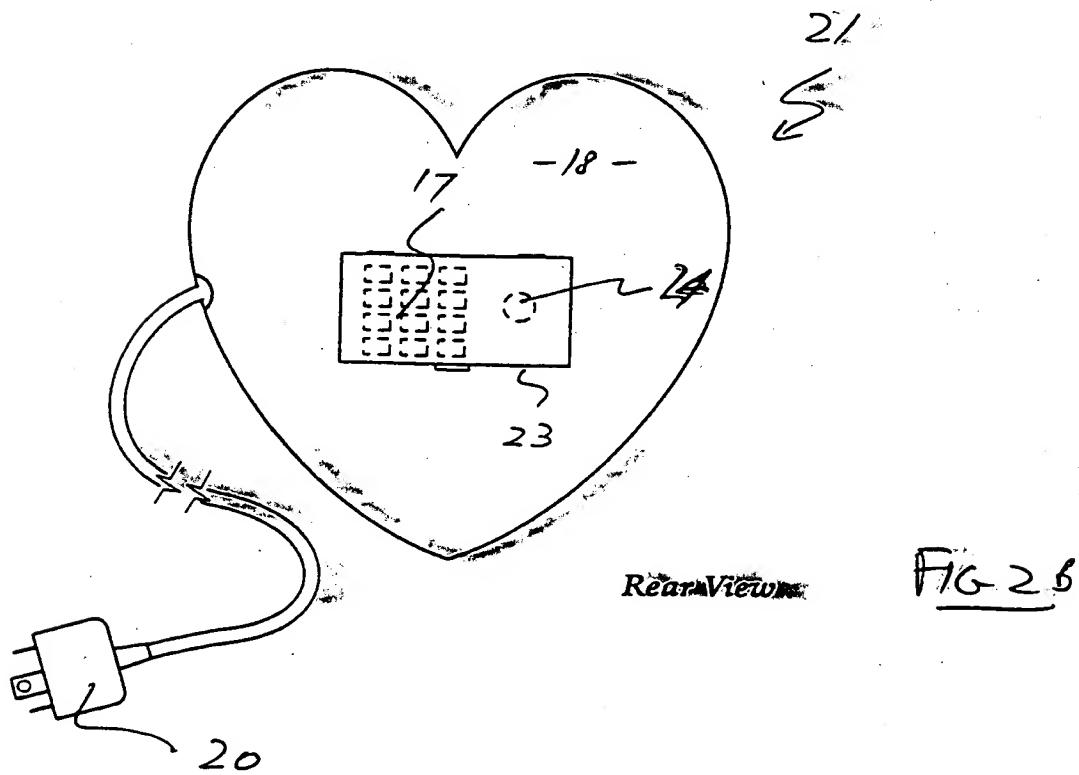
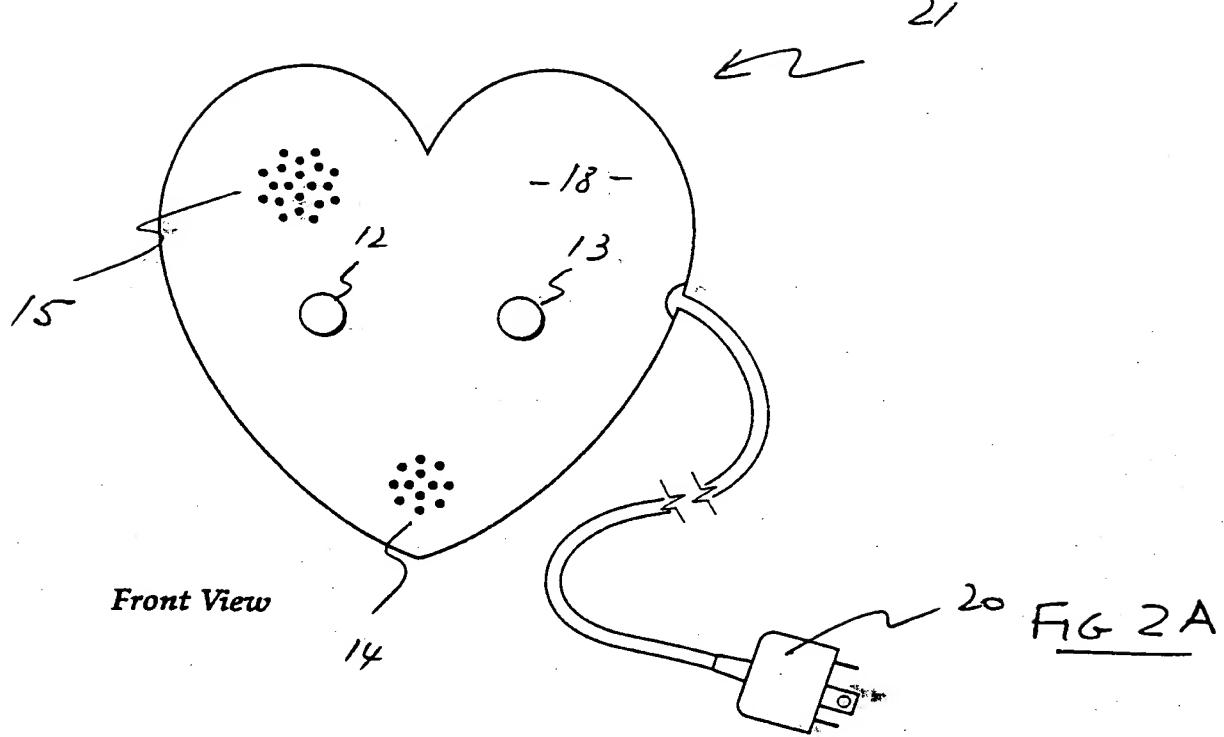


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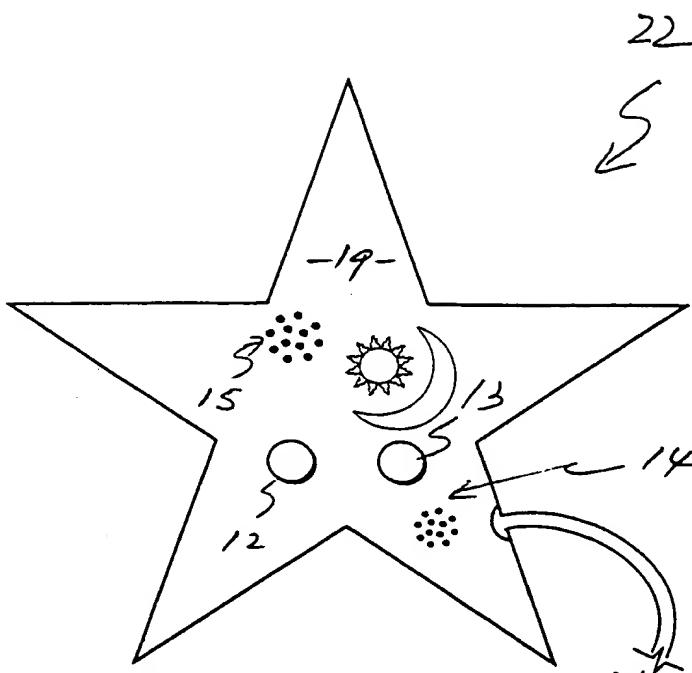


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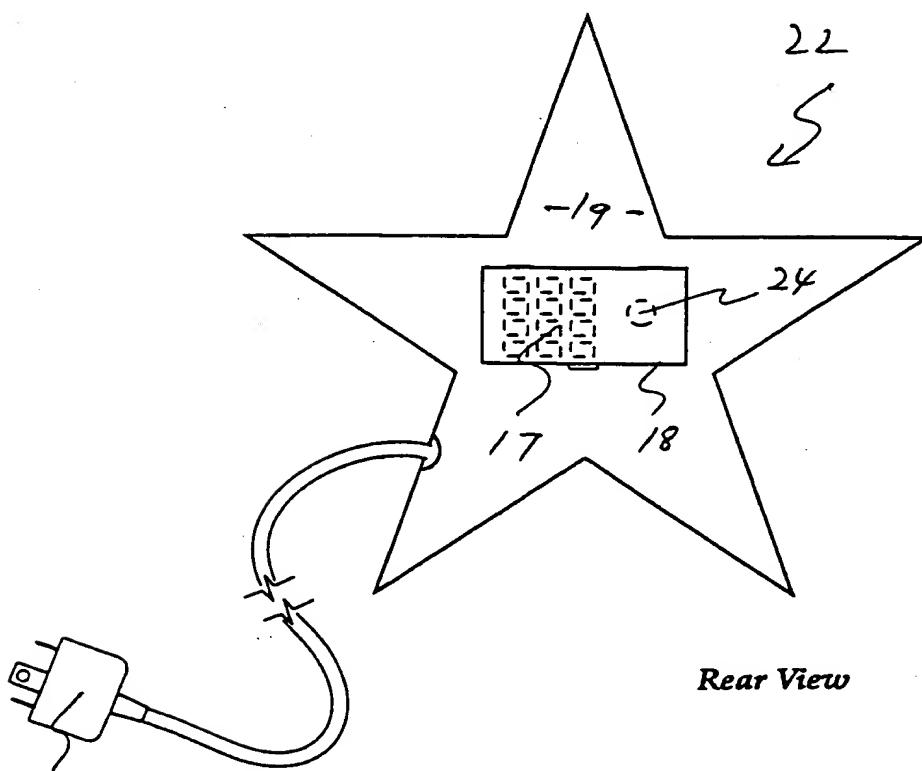
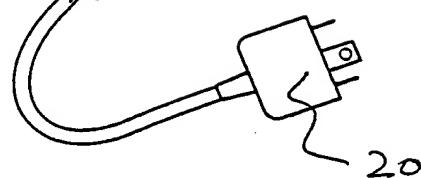


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